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## STATES TO VETO 24-TEAM PLAN

# A 16-team NSL for '84?

Victoria's State League clubs last week passed a resolution which also certainly spells doom for the National League's proposal to expand its competition to 24 teams, split into two regions.

The NSL probably will be left with no option but to adopt a back-up plan to regionalise its present 16-team league, without adding new clubs to it.

D-day for the NSL is July 30, when its plans are put to the Australian Soccer Federation for ratification or rejection.

The two VSF delegates will join the NSW Federation delegates in opposing the 24-team proposal. South Australia is expected to support Victoria and NSW, meaning the proposal will be rejected.

In a move that strikes at the heart of the NSL's ambitions, Victoria's State League management committee resolved that its clubs are not interested in joining a regionalised NSL unless the NSL reorganisation is "negotiated with and endorsed by the VSF."

The Metropolitan League management committee, representing 56 clubs, endorsed the State League's resolution, which becomes a recommendation to the VSF board of management.

State League and Metropolitan League delegates represent a six-vote majority on the nine-man board of management.

The VSF and NSW Federations will push again on July 3 for a system of super leagues run by State federations. Top teams from each of the super leagues would advance to a national play-off for the Australian championship title.

The federations argue that they have the administrative structure and the teams to set up such a system virtually overnight.

They are likely to make the concession of running periodical "challenge rounds" between super leagues during the season, as outlined in the NSL's re-organisation plan (see below).

Federations believe that the NSL concept has failed; that it has cost federations millions of dollars in lost revenue, and that it already has helped destroy clubs which took years to build up.

Automatic promotion and relegations would be part of the super-league structure.

In fact, it is believed that the VSF would be willing to re-organise all its leagues to facilitate quicker promotion through the ranks by the most effective, most ambitious clubs.

The federations will argue that it is senseless to divide soccer's resources between States and a separate NSL entity, and that only a network of State-run super leagues can sponsor West Nally Ltd's United front to "sell" and promote.

If, as seems likely, the NSL's 24-team plan is scrapped by the ASF, the NSL could maintain its present format or go ahead with a regionalised version of it.

The proposal for a 16-team regionalised competition is:

### AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

#### Section A

1. Syd. Olympic
2. St George
3. Marconi
4. APIA

#### Section B

5. Canberra
6. Newcastle



By LAURIE SCHWAB

So that's the proposed reorganisation plan for a 16-team NSL.

The 24-team proposal — the one that has been recommended by the NSL to the ASF, and the one that is likely to be rejected — is as follows.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Section A

1. St Melbourne
2. Preston
3. Footscray
4. Heidelberg

#### Section B

5. West Adel.
6. Adelaide City
7. Brisb. Lions
8. Brisb. City

#### Section A teams would play:

1. Home and away against the other Section A teams in the same conference (6 games).

2. Home and away against Section B teams in the same conference (8 games).

3. Once only against Section A teams of the other conference (4 games).

4. Once only against Section B teams of the other conference (4 games).

The same would apply to Section B teams, only in reverse.

Each conference would have its own points table.

In addition to the above, the teams would play a series of "challenge" matches which would count towards the championship.

Here's how the challenge games would work:

#### Intra-conference challenge matches:

Teams to play three times against other teams from within the same conference, according to positions on the ladder at the time (3 games).

#### Inter-conference challenge matches:

Teams to play three times against teams from the other conference, according to positions on the ladder at the time (3 games).

In total, therefore, each team would have 28 matches leading up to the finals.

Intra-conference challenge matches (within the one conference) would be organised on the following basis:

Top team plays second team;  
Third plays fourth;  
Fifth plays sixth;  
Seventh plays eighth;  
etc.

Inter-conference challenge matches (against the other conference teams) would be organised this way:

Top team of one conference plays top team of other conference;  
Second plays second;  
Third plays third;  
Fourth plays fourth;  
etc.

All challenge matches would be played as double-headers to maximise crowds.

At the end of it all, we would have a final series.

The top five teams of each conference would qualify for the finals, with the Australian Conference playing in Sydney and the National Conference in Melbourne on June 24.

The two winners then would play the national final.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Section A

1. Syd. Olympic
2. St. George
3. Marconi
4. APIA

#### Section B

5. Wollongong
6. Sydney City (or a new club)

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Section A

1. Syd. Olympic
2. St. George
3. Marconi
4. APIA

#### Section B

5. Wollongong
6. Canberra
7. Newcastle
8. Brisb. City

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Section A

1. Heidelberg
2. St. Melbourne
3. Preston
4. Footscray
5. new team
6. new team
7. new team
8. new team

#### Section B

9. Wollongong
10. Canberra
11. Newcastle
12. new team

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Section A

1. Heidelberg
2. St. Melbourne
3. Preston
4. Footscray
5. new team
6. new team
7. new team
8. new team

#### Section B

9. Wollongong
10. Brisb. City
11. Brisb. Lions
12. Brisb. City

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## ALAN BALL WANTS TO COACH HERE

Alan Ball wants to coach in Australia.

He is one of the all-time greats of British soccer, having represented England 72 times.

A member of the England team that won the 1966 World Cup, Ball scored 170 goals in a long career with Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal, Southampton and Bristol Rovers.

His interest in Australia was sparked during a guest stint with Western Australian club Athena last year.

Ball (pictured) will visit again soon to help John Pryde, the former Juventus player and Frankston coach, in a business venture, and has asked Pryde to help find him a top coaching job in the National League.

Clubs interested in employing Ball should contact "Soccer Action" on (03) 60 0421.



Jubilant Socceroos Peter Katholos (left) and Alan Davidson gives the thumbs up sign after Australia's draw with England in Sydney. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## Kosmina set for No. 50, Yankos the 'new Wilson'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

ENGLAND 0 AUSTRALIA 0 at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd about 28,000. Referee: Tony Boskovic 7. Caution: Gregory (Eng.)

ENGLAND: Shilton 7 — Thomas 9, Osman 8, Butcher 8, Statham 6 (Barnes 69th) — Barham 8, Williams 6, Gregory 7, Cowans 6 — Blissett 6 (Walsh 59th), Francis 8.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy 7 — Yankos 8 — Davidson 9, Ratcliffe, 8, S. O'Connor 7, Jennings 6 — Watson 7, Cant 7, Katholos 9 — Kosmina 8, P. O'Connor 7 (Mitchell 65th).

Captain John Kosmina will play his 50th match for Australia against England at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Sunday, providing he emerges unscathed from the second international at Lang Park, Brisbane tonight (Wednesday).

Kosmina, transfer-listed by Sydney City Hakoah in the hope it can make up its budget deficit, made his Socceroo debut against Bologna (3-0) in Adelaide in 1976, while still playing there for Polonia.

Since then he's been with West Adelaide and Arsenal in England and also made guest appearances for Adelaide City before joining Sydney City. His 48 Australian games so far include 32 full internationals. He has scored 12 goals in full internationals and 18 in total.

With Kosmina is due to bring up the half-century, Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellsas will play his 30th match for Australia in Melbourne. Nineteen of them have been full internationals.

After their scoreless draw in Sydney last Sunday, the game in Melbourne will be decisive for both teams. The series will be tied or won at Olympic Park.

In Sydney, Australia gained its first ever draw in 13 games against England — a result which coach Frank Arnik described as the greatest achievement in his coaching career.

Arnik conceded however that the remaining two games will be much more difficult:

The first match has proved of benefit to national coach Les Scheinflug, for whom Arnik is staying in as manager of the team now. Scheinflug has a new Socceroo for the 1985 World Cup qualifying series. He is 21-year-old Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) whom former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren described as "Australia's best sweeper since Peter Wilson."

## Decisive third game, Sunday

England manager Bobby Robson was bitterly disappointed with his own team and is demanding dramatic improvement in the remaining two matches.

Phil Neal and Sammy Lee of Liverpool will be in the team now, and they will make it all the more difficult for the Australians. Luther Blissett will have acclimatised and his combination with Trevor Francis in attack should prove to be devastating in Melbourne.

English FA secretary Ted Croker likened Sunday's result with the FA Cup final between Brighton and Manchester United. Underdog Brighton managed a draw, but the class of United proved decisive in the replay.

Whatever happens in the last two games, Australia deserves credit for its fighting display in Sydney.

The match probably was the last international for referee Tony Boskovic whose age forces him to retire.

England fans on the hill at the SCG chanted "You'll Never Walk Alone" even before the kick-off but changed their tune to "What a Load of Rubbish" as it became more and more evident that the English were unable to break down the resolute Socceroos.

The Australians had specific marking jobs, but they showed quite a lot of flair and tremendous confidence from the start, so much so that Jim Cant nutmegged John Gregory in a midfield build-up.

Joe Watson, Phil O'Connor, Alan Davidson, Peter Katholos, Jim Cant, then O'Connor and Watson again, put together uninterrupted touches, ending with a miskicked Watson cross that goes over the bar — a fine passage by the Australians.

Russell Osman is forced to pass back to goalkeeper Peter Shilton under pressure from Davidson and O'Connor a few moments later and then Katholos is obstructed by Steve Williams as he tries to run onto a short through ball from Kosmina.

Alan Davidson's goalkeeper has his first touch, breaking back-passes in the 17th minute when he comes out to catch a corner from Gordon Cowans. A minute later, Greedy again is decisive in taking the ball after Mark Barham has nipped in and played it square into the box.

There is a general air of strength and solidarity about the Australian line-up, and about the attitude of the players who close down quickly all over the field, intent on making not the slightest concession to England's fearsome reputation.

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# MARKO MEETS THE STARS



## A toast to success



John Papazoglou marked his NSL debut for West Adelaide by being voted best on the ground and setting up the goal in West's 1-1 draw with Sydney City. Picture: FRANK HOBBES

Sydney Olympic stars Marshall Soper (left), Mark Koussas and Steve Paterson toast a bright future for their team which jumped from 13th to 9th position before the NSL's two-week break. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO



Young Marko Markezic won a recent ball skills competition run by Canberra Arrows and one of his rewards was a trip to Melbourne with the Arrows and the chance to meet the stars of NSL leader Preston Makedonia. He is pictured, from left, with: Peter Ollerton, Gary Ward, Zoran Ilioski and George McMillan. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## 'Roos get just deserts, Geovani, Aquilera shine

Quarter-finals:  
Argentina 2 Holland 1,  
Poland 1 Scotland 0,  
Brazil 4 Czechoslovakia 1,  
South Korea 2 Uruguay 1.

AUSTRALIA 1  
(Brown 52nd)  
SOUTH KOREA 2  
(Kim Jong-Kon  
16th, Kim Jong-Boo  
35th).

AUSTRALIA: Franken 9,  
Maier 5, Dakos 7, Vietstra 5,  
Rizzotto 6, Patakes 6, McCulloch 6, Stewart 6 (Farina 46th)  
Incalalupa 6, (Licata 35th),  
Brown 6, Lowe 6.  
SOUTH KOREA: Kim Pung-Joo 7; Kim Pan-Keon 7, Moon Won-Keon 7, Jang Jung 7, Yoo Byung-Ok 7; Lee Tae-Hyung 8, (Kim Keung-Kwon 65m) No In-Woo 8, Kim Jong-Kon 8, Kim Jong-Boo 7, Shin Yon-Ha 7, Lee Hyun-Chul 8 (Lee Kee-Keon 56th).

Brazilian attacking midfielder Geovani Silva and Uruguayan striker Carlos Aquilera will become household names in world football going on their performances in the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico.

The Brazilian, known simply by his first name, emerged as the stoker in the engine room of a side that will go very close to winning this championship after the one stutter against Holland in their opening game.

The Uruguayan started in that game after falling behind but Geovani pulled them back from the brink of defeat with a penalty, expertly converted, five minutes from the end.

His ice-cool temperament again was evident in the next game, putting away another penalty kick in the clinical 3-0 defeat over giant-killer Nigeria.

Brazil finished up as group D's winner with a 2-1 win over USSR in the final game — and it was Geovani who scored the second goal, this time finishing off a well-worked move which started on the halfway line.

Aquilera has bowed out of the competition following Uruguay's elimination by South Korea in Monterrey.

But despite Korea's excellent showing I still expect a South American team to win the competition — and I'd lay odds on a Brazil v Argentina final.

The conditions suit both countries right down to the ground — and especially for the Brazilians whom the Mexicans regard as brothers — the support will be fanatical.

On the other hand, for the European and Asian sides left in the competition, altitude and heat will continue to eat into them and must at some stage affect them.

And this is a general indication for the 1986 World Cup which of course will be held at the same locations and more or less at the same time of the year.

Despite the obvious disadvantages, I still believe FIFA made the right decision to grant Mexico the finals in '86.

The country's massive population just lives for the big games and the secret is that most of the Youth matches were well attended even though they were held in midweek in early afternoons



Scotland's Neale Cooper (No. 6) threatens Australia's goal but is foiled by goalkeeper Anthony Franken and No. 2, Ralph Maier. Behind Neale is Ray Vietstra.

decision in front of goal cost them the two points against Scotland in the first game.

Indeed their coach, Park Jong-Whan, said confidently after the team had qualified for the quarter finals, that were they to meet Scotland again, he was sure "the result would be different."

Jong-Whan, who in two World Youth Championships, has established himself as an astute tactician and a very capable decision maker — as well as a good cook — uses a very flexible 4-2-4 system with Lee Tae-Hyung (No 7) and Lee Hyun-Chul (No. 17) the two midfield flankers who do most of the damage.

The team has only two tall players, central midfielder No In-Woo and goalkeeper Kim Pung-Joo and so rarely tries to match teams in the air.

But the players use their superior close control and complement it with boundless running off the ball to create the space all the time.

Again, Australia, the space they go in midfield was almost embarrassing at times and it was again their finishing that let them down. In the final game they could have been over long before the final whistle.

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From  
Soccer  
"Action"  
correspondent  
**KNUT WERNER**  
in Mexico

the deficiencies again surfaced against Mexico and were finally exploited by Korea — and we got our just deserts!

The big pluses to emerge from the championship were the form of Anthony Franken, and to a lesser extent Tony Dakos.

Franken made mincemeat of rumors that he does not have the temperament for big games.

He (and the post) were largely responsible for keeping out Mexico in the first game.

But he excelled against Korea with some courageous dives at the feet of the strikers and flying across goals to stop two more screamers which seemed destined for the net.

Dakos was used unsuccessfully in midfield in Costa Rica but performed brilliantly when called upon as Scotland's second man against Mexico.

He did not look back from then on, playing superbly against Scotland and being one of the few who could hold their head up against the Koreans.

### Dalglish out

Double Footballer of the Year Kenny Dalglish was not selected for Scotland's home international matches as he had been ordered by a specialist to rest a nagging thigh injury.

### Welsh sell-out

With tickets not yet on sale, the Wales v. Brazil international match to be played at Ninian Park on Sunday, June 12, is virtually guaranteed a 40,000 sell-out.

### Menegali finished

Gladfrance Menegali who refereed the Aberdeen-Real Madrid final, has not been automatically stood down on reaching the age of 50. A lawyer of some considerable repute in Rome, he has helped put many criminals behind bars.

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# Players are turning into boring robots

The uncertainty surrounding the immediate future of the NSL is not helping the game at all.

Although the Council of Clubs did vote for a geographical split in the league in 1984, only the bravest punter would bet that this will come about.

Quite a number of clubs are having second thoughts about the matter while some State Leagues — notably NSW — will use their influence in the ASE to prevent any expansion of the NSL.

Whatever happens, two things look as certain as they can look in our soccer: there will be no top four and no relegation at the end of the current campaign.

And these two decisions will adversely affect the success of the season.

The much maligned top four is just about the only incentive for ambitious clubs — apart from winning the title.

Without that, clubs cannot explain, even to themselves

why they should exert extra effort to do well, especially in the second half of the season.

What glory is there in a second, third, fourth place this year? No special kudos, no place in the playground, no excitement for the fans, no financial reward for the clubs.

Sure, the two or three teams aiming at the very top will — or rather may — strive to finish first, more as a matter of habit than conviction.

But once teams fall back from the peak, they won't give a damn whether they come second or sixth. And that will show in the match standards — and attendances.

Match attendances is the predictable result of the no-relegation edict.

Why should a club — a Wollongong, Footscray or Lions — tidy up its backyard, tighten its management, polish up its coaching and motivate its players if there is absolutely no penalty in finishing dead last?



By ANDREW DETTRE

ials, coaches, fans or even players, the general consensus of opinion is that the standard of games is slipping.

In the past few days the same views were expressed to me by eminent people deeply involved in soccer: Marcon coach Doug Collins, top referees Peter Rampley and Tim Duvies, Sydney City stars Ken Boden and Willie Murray and others.

What they say all boils down to one thing: most of the matches are boring, flat, colourless.

Even Ron Greenwood expected a familiar view after the St George v Heidelberg game when he describes our soccer as "predictable" and an "imitation of the English stuff", which, at its worst, can be rather dreary, too.

This, of course, may not be evident to some of the "leading" ASFC administrators; you never see them at NSL matches.

Clearly they have better things to do than "waste" their time watching the game which they are elected to administer or are paid to manage.

Whether you talk to offi-



• Collins • Davies • Greenwood • Nyskohus • Kretf

• McKendry • Rooney • Sharne • Vieri • Watson

Marconi, with Sharne, Krnecic and the cagey Vieri, had their distinctive blitzkrieg style and Sydney City, unfairly called a tedious team, played with method and class week after week (is that tedious?) with Souness, Watson and later Pukas being the style-setters.

What's left of all this? Adelaide City and Heidelberg both very young teams, are keen, full of zest and brio — but undistinguishable from a million other teams.

The two coaches who sculpted their style have long gone, with Kretf probably forgotten. Special team characteristics have vanished, we are now in the robot age.

I am not sure why or how this has come about — but it has. A few years ago the position was quite a bit better.

There was Eddie Kraft's Adelaide City to enthuse about, a team of flair and improvisation where players like Perin, Lister, Marocchi and Nyskohus provided individual colour and skill.

Then we had Len McKendry, Heidelberg, playing their own precision brand, reliable as a metronome, with Pat Bannon, Rooney and Cole creating their marvellous triangle.

Marconi may — and I say may — recapture their identity in due course if their youngsters mature a bit more; if Sermann becomes a new Vieri, if Licata turns into a new Sharne ... if ... if ... if ...

One had high hopes that South Melbourne Hellas would be the one to provide some new colour and excitement in 1983, but that hope is fast fading.

Like Juventus of Italy, Hellas has crammed every possible "name" player into its side without becoming a team; almost all the new signings are performing much worse than they did in their previous teams.

And this will come about

only when clubs, coaches and players all realize that what goes now under the name of "entertainment" is chasing fans away.



## 0/28's Murray a former rock 'n roller

Les Murray's passion for soccer climaxed late one evening in Wollongong in 1960 as he watched a delayed telecast of the European Cup final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt and was "totally captivated by the poetic beauty of what still is regarded by many as the greatest soccer match ever played."

Murray, a self confessed soccer romantic, probably will spend the rest of his attack-minded life in sport searching for the emotional high he experienced as Real won 7-3. However, it is to his native Hungary that the roots of his addiction can be traced.

"In the 1950's Hungary had the best national team in the world. Soccer was a great talking point. My father couldn't afford to take me to games but I read everything I could get my hands on about the sport," said Murray.

Murray's TV education started in England in 1976. He was working as a journalist there when a friend told him that back in Australia a national competition was going to start and the Ten network was looking for a commentator to handle games in Sydney.

"I went to Craven Cottage to watch Fulham playing Luton and I took along a cassette recorder to tape my match commentary, which I then sent to John Frank in Sydney. I can remember the fans looking at me and wondering what this idiot in the stand was doing, speaking into a cassette for the entire match.

"The people in Sydney liked what they heard. They sent me a telegram telling me to contact Bob Gardam, producer of London Weekend Television's "Big Match" show. He was coming here to work on Ten's coverage of the Phillips League.

"I auditioned for Bob by sitting next to Brian Moore and doing a taped commentary of the Chelsea v Blackpool game at Stamford Bridge. I was absolutely petrified, sitting next to one of the doyens of commentators. I thought that I was lousy, but Bob liked it and he sent it over here. That's how I got the job."

"I thought I was going to be a bigger job than it actually was. The show ran for two years then it was dropped. It never had much of a chance. It



Les Murray, 0/28's Mr Soccer

was buried in the graveyard time slot and wasn't properly promoted. Channel 10 wanted the rights to rugby league and like all the commercial networks, it was paranoid about offending the rugby league fraternity. On top of that, the standard of soccer wasn't good enough to make it really commercially viable."

Nevertheless, Murray had gained an important foothold in a medium he was attracted to. He'd been a single, Sydney-based rock and roll group, "The Rubber Band", and had entered journalism some years earlier. In fact, Murray first had been drawn toward show business as an eight-year-old in Hungary, winning a literature festival with a poem recital.

"I guess that was the start of this hidden show business thing. I've never been shy to get up in front of people and perform. It's not a big ego trip, I'm doing it for fun. I consciously feel the vanity factor inherent in TV."

Murray spent two years travelling to and from Bruce Stadium every fortnight, commenting on Canberra Ar-

• Les Murray, 37, is the soccer anchorman for channel 0/28. Married, with two young daughters, he has been a journalist for over 12 years. Currently, he works for "The Sun" in Sydney.

Murray was born in Hungary. He migrated to Australia in 1976. He was living in England in 1976 when news broke that a national competition was to kick-off in Australia in 1977 and the Ten network was going to go to match. Murray was hired as a commentator for channel 10.

Two years later the network dropped its coverage. CTC 7 in Canberra then hired Murray to commentate on Canberra Arrows home games, which he did for two seasons until he joined the fledgling 0/28 late in 1980. He has progressed from being a match commentator to being the principal on-camera host for 0/28's massive involvement in Australian and overseas soccer.

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"The most significant thing that I think has ever happened in soccer took place a few years back at Bayern Munich when there was a players' revolt. The players kicked out the club's millionaire president and his coach, Uli Hoeness, took over as club manager. Such a move hasn't happened before or since. It was a very refreshing move to my way of thinking."

Like all TV sporting personalities, Murray is open to criticism of being biased, especially at national team level, but it is a claim, if ever levelled at him, he would totally reject.

"I'm not a zealous patriot.

In fact, it's a trait I least admiringly waving is simply

commentary or no commentary,

you always have the starting point of knowing team line-

ups and shirt numbers."

"I watch the tape in front of a monitor for about 20 minutes, just to familiarise myself with the game. I don't go right

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## McMeechan for Doves

GREEN GULLY AJAX 1  
(Smallman 82nd) DOVETON 0  
at Green Gully Reserve,  
Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Danny 7  
— Peter Lewis 7, Short 8, Cannell  
7, Hopkin 7 — Boyle 7, Vassallo 8,  
Smallman 7, Williams 7 — Total 8,  
Greechan 6 (Mancinelli 70th).  
Coach: Ian McMeechan.

DOVETON: Keogh 7 — Thurlow  
6, Carter 7, Merrick 8, Miller 6 —  
Watson 6, Webster 8, Waterhouse  
7 — Buchanan 6, Stirtton 6 (Mac-  
cloud 85th), M. Lennon 6. Coach:  
Ernie Merrick.

Former Australian interna-  
tional midfielder, Hammy  
McMeechan, is the new coach of  
Doveton.

The ex-Croatian and Juventus  
player has taken over from  
Ernie Merrick who was in  
charge of the Doves for the  
last time last Sunday as they  
went down 1-0 to Green Gully  
Ajax.

McMeechan has coached  
Moorebank, Frankston  
Pines, Brighton and Hamlyn  
Rangers. He is currently as-  
sistant coach to John Gardner  
at Croatia this year but joined  
Juventus as reserve team  
coach early in the season.

Ajax had a lot of possession

in this match, which was  
ruined by the blustery condi-  
tions. However, the State  
League champion missed the  
finishing power of the league's  
leading scorer, Paul Lewis,  
who was serving an automatic  
one week suspension.

Doveton midfielder John  
Dowie also was out through  
suspension. His place in mid-  
field was taken by Stan Web-  
ster with Bill Buchanan  
pushed forward in support of  
Ian Stirtton.

Doveton bought young Greg  
Macleod from Box Hill last  
week for \$500 and gave him his  
first run during the last five  
minutes when he replaced Stirtton.

Bobbo Toal had the best  
chance of the match in the  
second half but shot wide from  
well inside the Doveton area.  
However, Ajax struck its decisive  
blow inside the final 10  
minutes thanks to the set piece  
artistry of David Smallman  
who curled a 25 metre free  
kick into the top corner, marking an otherwise fine perfor-  
mance from Doveton's Sean Keogh, the most promising  
young goalkeeper in State  
League.

**Merrick quits**

Ernie Merrick's  
swan song as player-  
coach of Doveton  
took place at Green  
Gully Reserve on  
Sunday and the tal-  
ented defender has  
placed himself on the  
transfer list at a max-  
imum fee of \$1,000.

"I wanted to make the team  
more than just a middle-of-  
the-league outfit and I failed,"  
said Merrick.

"I had no course, other than  
to resign. I was assured that  
last year's squad would be  
kept intact and in fact be  
added to but the financial situ-  
ation of the club demanded  
that players be sold and we  
didn't find adequate replace-  
ments."

Merrick has been invited to  
English First Division club  
Leicester City by manager  
Gordon Milne and will take up  
the offer at the end of this sea-  
son. There Merrick will ob-  
serve all facets of Leicester's  
team preparation and is hope-  
ful of being appointed to the  
club's coaching staff.

"I'd been at Doveton too  
long. I think the world of the  
club but I only dealt with a few  
committees and they  
certainly worked their hearts  
out. Others on the committee  
did a lot of knocking but no  
work," said Merrick.



Ernie Merrick



Polonia social club vice-president Eileen Shea (left) and club secretary Jan Shaw.

## Polish soirees

A sign of future trends in promoting soccer clubs can be seen at Polonia, which formed a new-look social club last month.

Social committees and activi-  
ties long have been a part of club soccer but the introduction of youthful adminis-  
trators and a new generation of  
soccer followers who organise enterprising social events as an alternative to traditional bingo nights, raffles and dances  
should go a long way toward introducing new members and sources of finance to broaden Polonia's support base.

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Meno Toutsidis

## Adel. City 2 Wollongong 2

Scorers: Hanfield (pen), 11th. Dods 43rd, Wollongong — McBreen 78th and 83rd.

Crowd: 900

Ground: Olympic Sports Field

Weather: Cool

Referee: Don Campbell 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 8 — Dods 7, Banfield 7.

Flounders 7, Shillabear 7, B

Nyskotous 7, Melta 8, Blair 7 —

Randall 8, Maxwell 6, Wright 8.

WOLLONGONG: Hanfield 7 —

Willis 7, Ainsworth 7, Dunleavy 7, Kerr 7 — Pollard 7.

Fleming 7, McBreen 9, Gaffney 7 — Dickson 7 (pen), Green 7.

Cotton 8.

Adelaide City saw its

visions of third spot on the league table dissipate into a blur when Wollongong's Jim McBreen scored twice late in the second half to force a 2-2 draw at Olympic Sports Field.

The game was a round 14 fixture which along with the remaining seven games was postponed until October to make way for the England-Australia international.

But City was given permission to play because Olympic Sports Field will not be available in October due to an athletics program.

City, seventh before the match, had three points securely in its grasp at half-time when Neil Banfield converted a penalty kick in the 11th minute and Glen Dods

scored a rocket from outside the box moments before half-time.

But McBreen almost ruined City's afternoon when he headed Wollongong's first goal in the 78th minute and five minutes later struck a fierce rising drive from outside the penalty area.

So City, which would have moved into third spot behind Newcastle and leader Preston, must be satisfied with fifth spot, although St George, APIA, Brisbane City, Marconi and Olympic, each with two games in hand, can easily displace them.

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As Sydney City was then called, and Budapest, which was St George's name in those times. It wasn't because of the ethnic club names, that so many fans were at the game. It was because St Kilda. Morally, no-one should be told to hide their identity.

"There have been increases in crowd by forgetting about ethnic club names. I've seen migrants getting angry at the names being dropped. It hasn't chased them away from the games however, because they've got nothing else."

Murray is disappointed that 0/28 isn't covering the Australia-England clashes. He contributes to someone heavily involved in Australian soccer and he applauds the ASF's attempt to try and market the game. "If it's good enough to be marketed," he adds. However, he is a staunch supporter of the amount of soccer shown on 0/28, and claims that the station holds a record which is unparalleled on a world wide scale.

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So Murray's addiction to soccer can run rampant at 0/28. His hunger for the game is fed constantly but he hasn't become satiated to the point of

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Let me say at the outset that reflecting on Preston's present good form and league position, one can only sympathise with Mr. Talevski's views.

However the difficulty is that for reasons of logistics

(the booking of outside broadcast units, communication facilities etc) the matches have to be chosen weeks in advance, and one, sadly, cannot predict that far-ahead just who will be leading or playing well in the championship.

More, for being thus hindered by the main criterion, the matches are chosen based on a combination of other factors.

The main one of these is that, if possible, the match be of interest in both Melbourne and Sydney. As Channel 0/28 does not yet transmit to areas outside these cities, and interstate stations do not take the coverage, Mr. Talevski will probably note that none of the Matches of the Day this year has featured teams from Brisbane, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra or Adelaide.

Mr. Talevski will show how six of the ten matches featured so far have involved teams from both Melbourne and Sydney.

The other four, where Melbourne versus Sydney confrontations were not sufficiently tantalising, were made up of local derbies.

In the first ten rounds of the campaign Preston had been paired with Sydney opponent three times and one of those (against Sydney City at the Connor Reserve) was the Match of the Day. On only two such occasions, therefore was Preston overlooked.

Let me run through the first ten NSW Matches of the Day and why we chose the matches that we did.

(ROUND 1) Marconi v South Melbourne. On this day Preston played Footscray featuring both teams from Melbourne. Big-spending South Melbourne's first outing, against the former champions and against Raleasic's former club, was by far the round's most attractive fixture.

No one, with the best of wills, could have foretold at this time that Preston would lead the championship six weeks hence.

ROUND 2 South Melbourne v Sydney Olympic. Billed as probably the match of the year, the enormous promise of both teams, not to mention their combined following made this the obvious choice.

On the same day, Preston met Heidelberg. Had that match been chosen, the viewing audience would have been denied a game that attracted 15,000 plus fans.

ROUND 3 Sydney Olympic v Sydney City. Preston played St George on the Saturday.

ROUND 4 Footscray v Marconi. On this day Preston met Leichhardt in Sydney. Our policy of alternating the venues between Sydney and Melbourne wherever possible that week took our cameras to Melbourne. Though cameras

# Australia next in Best's slide

Can you imagine Attila Abonyi or Adrian Alston hawking their services to minor clubs, say at \$50 a match?

Both having retired years ago, they would risk exposing themselves to the ridicule, if not pity, of fans who remember them as truly outstanding players.

Well, this is what two of the game's greats are doing right now.

George Best, due soon to join Brisbane City for a guest stint is one. Johan Cruyff, likely to sign for the French club Toulouse, is the other.

In many ways, they have had similar careers. For a start neither could live with sudden fame and wealth. Best was Best's main problem, poorly planned business ventures Cruyff's.

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# How they fared at the SCG

# AUSTRALIA

**TERRY GREEDY:**  
Sound international debut in goal, highlighted by a diving save of Trevor Francis's free kick in the first half. Came out well, especially the few balls played high from the flanks and had good communication with the defenders in front of him.

**CHARLIE YANKOS:**

Completely unflappable in his first game as sweeper. Positioned himself faultlessly in the command of every the most difficult situations — like when he stopped a potentially deadly England attack by slide-tackling Gordon Cowans from behind as Cowans was racing into the penalty area during the second half. When the draw became more and more a possibility, he did the right thing in slowing play down by using his goalkeeper Terry Greedy. He was booted constantly for that, but it didn't worry him at all, he was well-entitled in the circumstances' kickiness when Yankos, Ratcliffe and Jennings played some lazy triangles in defence waiting for openings further upfield.

**ALAN DAVIDSON:**

You can't get a bad game from him when he wears the green and gold. His game includes everything — a powerful clearing header inside the area in the first half, desperate tackles, relentless closing down of opponents and his own brilliant organisation to get forward and join in the attacks — especially in the first half when he was more a forward than a defender. The introduction of winger John Barnes as a second-half substitute presented Davidson with new problems, and although Barnes managed a few dangerous raids, Davidson readjusted his game, concentrating less on getting forward than nullifying Barnes. A performance of tremendous grit and flashes of commendable skill.

**STEVE O'CONNOR:**

His job was to mark Luther Blissett and Bissett certainly knew he'd been in a contest, unlike Robson, replaced him with Paul Walsh just after half time. O'Connor then picked up Walsh who was rarely sighted. Also contributed to lead-up play when possible.

**DAVID RATCLIFFE:**

Had probably the most difficult defensive job, having

to tag \$2 million man Trevor Francis. The Sampdoria star is an instinctive player of great skill and flair, a player who runs endlessly and bamboozles opponents wherever he goes on the field. It was to Ratcliffe's everlasting credit that he followed Francis everywhere, never losing concentration. When necessary, Ratcliffe used the professionalism of Terry Greedy to mix it with Francis, from disaster at the edge of the box at least once. Ratcliffe was also at hand to stop other England forwards in a performance during which he put behind him the lingering memories of the series against New Zealand this year.

**GRAHAM JENNINGS:**  
Playing left back, he was the least conspicuous of the defenders, venturing forward only occasionally, but nevertheless offering himself whenever free as an optional target for passes going forward. He gave Mark Barham too much room in the first half, but took a tighter hold of the English flanker as the game wore on.

**JOE WATSON:**  
It was a tribute to Watson that Derek Statham found it necessary to spend much more time marking his man than venturing forward. Used his skill well to hold the

ball when necessary on the wing, and combined well with Alan Daidson. Delivered probably the best cross of the game for Kosmina and Phil O'Connor. Failed to reach it in the middle, and put a shot on target which Shilton saved. Came off in the second half due to cramp.

**JIM CANT:**

A commendable performance by the Sydney City player, who was often called into the team from the start. It was he who had Australia's best chance at goal, picking up the rebound as Peter Katholos's shot was blocked, and bringing a fine save from Shilton. He was on hand to clean up dangerous situations all over the field, showed a bit of skill and all in all emerged as a strong midfield anchor man.

**PETER KATHOLOS:**

Probably the best player of the match, Katholos was relied upon from the start to construct Australia's attacks when the ball was played forward. When Australia did not have Steve Williams and when he did get on the ball, he showed a breathtaking skill in swerving and dribbling past his eminent opponents, and delivering incisive passes to fellow attackers Robson

paid Katholos the ultimate compliment afterwards, saying: "He looked an outstanding player; very creative, very strong, very good on the ball."

**JOHN KOSMINA:**

Tireless running, fearlessness, and a constant willingness to mix it with Terry Butcher and Russell Osman, to mention a promising shot at goal that whistled just over the bar, made captain Kosmina an example to his team mates. The striking positions are not most difficult to play effectively, especially in a team that doesn't come forward very often. Kosmina therefore had to scratch desperately for everything. He never gave in.

**PHL O'CONNOR:**

Had a difficult opponent in Danny Thomas, the Sydney City player who was often called into the team from the start. It was he who had Australia's best chance at goal, picking up the rebound as Peter Katholos's shot was blocked, and bringing a fine save from Shilton. He was on hand to clean up dangerous situations all over the field, showed a bit of skill and all in all emerged as a strong midfield anchor man.

**PETER MITCHELL:**

Came on in the 65th minute and put himself about as much as possible during the latter part of the game. On a pass from Katholos, he threatened the England defence but was forced wide until the chance was lost.

**PETER STONE:**

Replaced Joe Watson for the last 10 minutes.

**LAURIE SCHWAB**

# ENGLAND

England's strongest national side to visit these shores was a major disappointment in its Sydney debut.

The efforts of Robson's men could best be described as boring and pedestrian. Against a Socceroo squad who had no other logical choice but to play a game of attrition, the visitors proved completely incapable of finding the key to a well-organised defence.

**PETER SHILTON:** The vastly experienced England skipper's guardianship of his net was flawless, in keeping with the world renown in which he is held by fans and pundits the world over. Shilton probably saved his side from major embarrassment with a great pressure save from Cant just before half time.

**DANNY THOMAS:** An auspicious international debut for the Coventry City forward. His efforts were described as brisk, sharp, bright and resourceful by his manager. The less than spectacular form of Socceroo winger Phil O'Connor also gave him plenty of scope for counter attacking.

**RUSSELL OSMAN:** Determined, safe, utterly devoid of any frills, the Ipswich player is the epitome of the modern defender, who looked in trouble only on a couple of occasions and never in a way which could give the Aussies a vital break.

**TERRY BUTCHER:** Held John Kosmina on a tight rein on the ground and was safe as a bank in the air. He and Osman did find Katholos a handful on occasions and had a tendency to dispute some of referee Boskovic's decisions.

**DEREK STATHAM:** Ventured into attack only occasionally, when the opportunity presented itself. Just half a busy but effective first half, when most Australian attacks were crafted on his wing.

**MARK BARMAN:** England's best man, in my opinion, with a memorable debut at international level. At first confined his activities to midfield, but within 20 minutes of the kickoff gained sufficient confidence to launch raid after cavalier raid on the right wing, posing constant danger with sudden changes of direction and rapid crosses. A player with a future.

**STEVE WILLIAMS:** Another newcomer to full international honours, the Southampton midfielder became involved only occasionally in trying to get the England attack moving. Later, as matters failed to go the way his team wanted, and one assumes fully expected, his frustration manifested itself in a number of unbecoming sary fouls.

**GORDON COWANS:** His performance, first in the midfield and later as left back, was typical of almost the whole of this disappointing England team. Busy, conscientious, and an eager be-

## Statistics

England won the match on statistics, notching up six corners to Australia's one.

England also had nine attempts at goal, to Australia's three.

The attempts were:

— I N G L A N D

First half: Barham — shot too high.

Francis — free kick saved low by Greedy.

Second half: Francis — angled shot saved by Greedy.

Williams — header, too high.

Osman — header, too high.

Osman — header, wide.

Barnes — low shot, going wide of near post.

Gregory — unchallenged header, wide.

Barnes — shot, too high.

A U S T R A L I A

First half: Kosmina — shot, too high.

Cant — low shot, saved by Shilton.

Second half: Watson — volley shot, saved by Shilton.

ver, without too much evidence of an ability to surprise and improvise.

**JOHN GREGORY:** But for a refereeing mistake in the 53rd minute, which saw him put for an offside, which could easily have been the England mid-fielder could well have scored the all-important winner in his debut on the international scene.

**LUTHER BLISSETT:** Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the match, the strapping, athletically built striker looked menacing when moving off the ball, only to turn into something of a pussycat when faced with the stern attention of David Ratcliffe and Steve O'Connor. His replacement half an hour from the end came as no great surprise.

**TREVOR FRANCIS:** The former wonder boy of British soccer has matured into a striker exuding class and sheer talent with his every move, on or off the ball. It was the Socceroos' great good fortune that he was on his lonesome for almost all of the 90 agonising minutes his side had to suffer through. An in-form Blissett, or a Barnes at his peak alongside him, could spell serious trouble for Australia in Brisbane and Melbourne.

**JOHN BARNES:** A skilful and talented striker of marvellous abilities as witnessed by Aussie fans on television week after week, he had no chance to really stamp his mark on the proceedings in 20 short minutes but did pose a few problems.

**PAUL WALSH:** A prolific scorer in the English league, his team debut ran aground on the rock of the resolute Socceroo defence.

**PETER SCOTT**

# Shilton stops Cant, Gregory misses

From page one

This confidence is reflected in the way Yankos comes out to challenge Derek Statham, take the ball from Statham's feet, continue his run and slip it coolly to Kosmina.

England looks frustrated.

They hadn't expected such strength of resistance.

Fundamental mistakes creep into England's game, with Cowans missing the ball altogether as he tries to pass square into the box after Luther Blissett has done the lead-up work.

But England is dangerous in flashes.

Danny Thomas, playing so well at right back for England, runs a long way, chasing the ball to the corner, but in the end, he has too much momentum and no control of his cross which goes behind the goal.

Frank Barnes, the rock work, breaking through the defence, only to be stopped by a great tackle from Ratcliffe, just before Paul Watson comes on to replace Blissett.

Then comes a promising shot by Watson, who hits it after the ball has come over from a free kick, but Shilton takes it on his chest to preserve the deadlock.

A header by Russell Osman goes over the bar, and then Yankos stops a run by Cowan with a neat sliding tackle from behind, at the edge of the penalty area.

It's Australia's turn to make a substitution now, bringing on David Mitchell for Phil O'Connor with 25 minutes to go.

Cowans comes in to let back, and Barnes starts tormenting Australia on the left wing.

Yankos shows his class once more, taking the ball on his chest as Gregory tries to get past him, and after Francis has failed with an attempted overhead bicycle kick, Australia replaces Joe Watson, who has cramp, with Peter Stone.

Davison is trying to steal some yards with a throw in. Boskovic orders him back, and Davidson does it again. Boskovic comes over to talk to Davidson, and while doing so, Gregory picks up the ball and throws it himself — a "regression" for which Boskovic shows Gregory the yellow card.

Barnes is giving Davidson lots of problems now. He gets clear as Davidson slips and falls, and he drives in a low shot from an angle. It's going past the near post, but Greedy tries to save it anyway, and concedes a corner from which Gregory should have scored, with an unchallengeable header. Australian coach Frank Arok admits afterwards that moment gave him "10 heart attacks all at once."

Indeed, it's the best scoring chance of the match.

Katichios sends Mitchell away on a raid but Mitchell is forced wide and eventually dispossessed, and then Barnes shoots too high at the other end.

Only about five minutes left now, so Yankos takes control at the back and starts wasting time.

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# Inter Milan had eyes on Walsh

Not since Trevor Francis' emergence over a decade ago, has the progress of a young striker been watched as closely in England as that of Paul Walsh.

For over three years, Walsh, who will be 21 in October, has been almost universally cited as a player of exceptional promise.

Excellent close ball control, awareness, a good shot, speed and — despite lacking height — power in the air, are attributes which have made him the great hope among English forwards.

As a schoolboy footballer, Walsh represented his native Blackheath and London, an outstanding all-round sportsman, he also won a Kent under-12 badminton championship.

To become a professional soccer player was always Walsh's ambition and he found both Charlton Athletic and Millwall eager to fulfil it upon leaving school. The former club was chosen — a club he had supported from infancy.

Walsh had just joined the team for a Charlton team destined to finish bottom of Division Two when he gained his first junior international cap and was in the squad which won the 1980 UEFA Youth Tournament.

Under the guidance of England youth manager John Cartwright and Alan Mullery at Charlton, the youngster made remarkable headway during 1980-81.

Despite being heavily marked throughout the campaign, Walsh scored 11 vital goals as Athletic clawed its way back into Division Two.

At the higher level, he did even better — 13 goals for a distinctly mediocre combination.

Inevitably, England's premier clubs sent their scouts to view a player whom the Press was now raving about.

Mullery though was adamant his best asset would not be sold, stating: "There is not enough money in football to buy him."

But Mullery was to leave at the end of the 1981-82 season, decrying Charlton's lack of ambition. There was little doubt that Walsh would be far behind him.

A \$700,000 transfer took the mercurial goalscorer to Luton Town, which had just won a place in the First Division.

His uncanny instinct for goals was responsible for some truly spectacular strikes during the early section of last term — one mazy dribble, culminating in an acutely angled drive against Notts County won a televised "Goal of the Season" competition.

This proficiency won elevation to England's under-21 team.

During Luton's subsequent plunge down the ladder, goals dried up. But form was regarded as the "Hatters" made an amazing last gasp escape from relegation. Walsh's hat trick against Swansea was crucial in keeping Luton up.

In the midst of the Bedfordshire's darkest hours, newspapers speculated that the "Sheephead" would soon be joining a major club. Even Internazionale Milan was mentioned.

Local journalists have now turned their attention to other matters, even if only temporarily, for it is unlikely that Luton will reach the heights in the football world to equal Walsh's expectations.

In the meantime though, the Londoner is content to concentrate upon an international career, which starts in Australia.

— PAUL MOON



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at Trevor Francis, himself ragged, pushing, fighting like which means it was a very tough match for the



England's Terry Butcher has come up to threaten Terry Greedy's goal, but Charlie Yankos (No. 4) faces him and Jim Cant (left) also is there to help.



England's John Gregory brings the ball down, he'll have to contend with Charlie Yankos (left).

## Barham only third cap from Norwich

There can be little doubt who was the major surprise selection in the England party chosen to tour Australia, as Norwich City midfielder Mark Barham had only recently come into the reckoning for his country's under-21 team, let alone the seniors.

The fact that Barham's inclusion raised so many eyebrows is due more to him being attached to an unfashionable club, than to any lack of ability.

Although not 21 until July 12, he already has more than 100 league appearances to his credit.

Born in Folkestone, Kent, Barham was a laborer until plucked out of obscurity by Norwich and offered an apprenticeship contract.

He was still serving his apprenticeship when making a senior debut at Manchester United in a First Division fixture in November 1979. City lost 0-5 and the young linkman was not called upon again for a further five months.

Despite this long stint in the reserves, Barham proved himself worthy of full professional status with his club and a place in England's youth team.

In the 1980-81 season, he established himself in City's relegated line up. It was during the following term though that Barham came of age.

His dash and drive in midfield were invaluable as the "Canaries" immediately reclaimed a place in Division One. Although not a prolific marksman, he scored a crucial goal at Leicester in the game that virtually clinched Norwich's place in the premier grade.

During the just completed campaign, Norwich defied most predictions by staying clear of the demotion zones. Barham was among their most prominent performers throughout.

For all his high-performance efforts, the midfielder, who for some obscure reason, is nick-named "Porky" by team-mates, seemed to have won few admirers outside of East Anglia. Fortunately, Bobby Robson was obviously one of them.

In Australia, Barham will be only the third Norwich player to wear the white of England.

— PAUL MOON



Combat at close quarters. Steve O'Connor (left) of Australia, against England substitute Paul Walsh.

## England slammed at home

England's opening match of Australian tour in Sydney against the Socceroos received unanimous "thumbs down" in the British press covering three-match series.

Referring to the scoreless draw at the "The Sun" said Bobby Robson's "t and awful England" "Couldn't even the dubious distinction of a beer in the back of the neck."

Down the years brave pomps like Compton and Freddie Trueman have pelted by the fans on the bus hill for incurring their displeasure.

This time they wisely held on to their beer, drinking it to relieve the inciting boredom.

The Aussies' five-man defence wall

was effective but about as entertaining as watching weeds grow on a wet afternoon," "The Sun" said.

It added: "If England can't beat a bunch of sales reps, window cleaners, teachers, dole queuers and the like, what chance are they going to have in the European championships next summer?"

Under a heading: "England stumped — Aussies so happy with bore-draw", the "Daily Mail" said it was just like home, with the crowd chanting: "What a load of rubbish."

Bobby Robson's men proved that they can play as badly on antipodean cricket pitches as at Wembley.

England played so badly not even the most avid Pommie-basher derived much satisfaction from his country's (Australia) achievement of making history by avoiding defeat."

"The Mail" said: "The match served only to cement Rugby League in the affections of this city's sporting population and what set out as a missionary expedition will put the game back in Australia by 20 years if England's household names carry on like this in Brisbane and Melbourne."

The "Daily Telegraph" said: "England got a duck at the Sydney Cricket Ground and the famous hill was rightly annoyed.

"And the venue itself also came in for criticism. One drawback was the confusing doodle of green and white lines intended to define pitches for soccer, both codes of Rugby and the next Sheffield Shield season.

"For the players cast adrift in the middle of the grass sea it must have been like performing in the only game on Hackney marshes."



Trevor Francis (right), England's Italy-based expatriate, has his usual problems with David Ratcliffe.

## Italian football is fantastic: Francis

England striker Trevor Francis believes his move to Italian club football has made him a much more mature footballer.

Francis, 29, moved from Manchester City to unfancied Sampdoria last July for £2 million fee.

The English star admits his transfer to Sampdoria was a bit of a gamble for him.

"I was given 48 hours to make up my mind," Francis said.

"I did not know one single word of Italian and I had

heard so much about the negative attitude of the game in Italy.

"At the end I took a punt and say I'm happy to say life in Italian football is just fantastic."

"The English press rubbish the game in Italy too much."

Francis said life was never meant to be easy in Italian football but if a player is prepared to work hard the fans appreciate it.

"There are some fine teams in Italy and some great defenders who make scoring goals far more difficult."

## Warren praises Yankos

Former national team captain John Warren hailed Charlie Yankos as Australia's new Peter Wilson.

"Yankos looked the best sweeper we've had since Wilson," Warren said.

That's praise indeed, for with 115 Socceroo appearances, 62 of them in full internationals, Wilson remains Australia's most capped player.

Yankos himself, like all his team mates, was proud of the team's achievement.

"The way we played them, we didn't allow them to create anything. That's because of the discipline in the team. We all did exactly what we were told."

cul than in England," Francis said.

"As to negative tactics, it is not that bad in Spain it is much worse."

Francis disclosed he was originally offered a three-year contract by Sampdoria.

"But I did not want to commit myself for three years and so I signed for only two years," Francis said.

"But I can tell you I'm regretting my decision because I'm very happy with the club."

"In fact at this stage I've got no intention of returning to the tough world of the English league."

The former Nottingham Forest player said Sampdoria would be a force to be reckoned with next season, after having acquired the services of former goalkeeper Ivano Bordon.

"With a bit of luck we might win a place in Europe next year," Francis said.

— PHILIP MICALLEF

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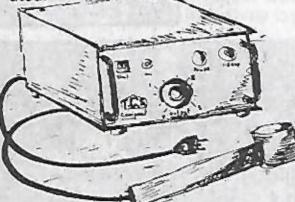
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Brayton 'C'	2	1	3	16	7
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# Hamburg scandal, 360 get boot



From JIM COOK  
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## Cowans to stay?

Gordon Cowan's big-money transfer from Aston Villa to Naples is in the balance after the Italian club's general manager, Giuseppe Bonetto, who negotiated the deal, was replaced by former player Antonio Juliani. Cowans, current England international, was reported to have been offered \$4000 a week with Naples.

## Chelsea buys

Chelsea, determined to make a splash next season,

Croatia hit the front of the NSW State League after its 0-0 draw with Melita Eagles last Friday, but despite some finishing in its game did not look convincing enough to be treated as a certainty in this year's race.

Melita and Blacktown now are only a point adrift from Croatia in a very tight battle for the premiership. Blacktown has the best attack with 24 goals on the board, while Melita and Croatia have scored less but have conceded fewer goals.

Manly Warringah, one of the favoured sides this year has dropped out of the premiership race with its unexpected loss to Polonia at Chipping Park. Having led for most of the match Manly lost its forward Van Helden before conceding two late goals.

Another contender, yet to show its true colours, is Sutherland, and with a game or two in hand the Sharks could be a strong chance. The completion of the deferred matches should see whether they are genuine challengers for the title.

## METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Results and standings after Saturday's games:

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DIVISION TWO

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1 St. Albans 1, Hurlstone Park 1

1 Kew City 1, St. Albans 1

1 Springfield 1, St. Albans 1

1 Footscray 1, St. Albans 1

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massimo campionato statale a tornare a casa con due punti, anche se di stretta misura, mentre Morwell e Fawkner hanno subito altre battute d'arresto con il minimo scarico.

L'interruzione per due settimane del campionato statale per l'incontro internazionale Australia-Inghilterra e i quarti di finale della Docker Cup, dà a tutte tre le squadre tempo di rivedere le proprie prestazioni e di correre ai ripari.

Quella che più si rallegra della "vacanza" era la Juventus che stava accusando segni di logorio dopo un campionato d'andata condotto a tamburo battente con una esigenza rosa che si è andata sempre più assortigliandosi tanto che diversi giocatori hanno dovuto giocare ultimamente in pessime condizioni fi-

siche e senza la pressione di rinculo, loro che cercavano di puntare loro sia il punto in prima squadra.

Il caso limite è stato contro il Box Hill quando gli infortunati Swinscoe e Rogers, dopo un primo tempo discreto in cui la squadra dominava, crollavano nella ripresa condannando così la Juventus ad una sconfitta che potrebbe costare il campionato. Da parte sua il comitato si perdeva alla ricerca di "fuoriclasse" per una squadra che stava al comando della classifica e che quando non aveva bisogno di nulla, ma solo di numeri in panchina per poter mettere in campo undici giocatori fisicamente abili.

L'annuncio arrivo del nazionale irlandese Paul McGhee si rivolava poi un "irish joke", quando i dirigenti juventini si recavano ad accoglierlo all'aeroporto mercoledì scorso. Il "nostro" non spuntava e in serata, telefonicamente, si apprendeva che aveva rinunciato a venire perché la moglie non era contenta di emigrare. Allo stesso tempo sembra che sia arrivato a Melbourne un altro "asso" al quale la Juventus sta facendo la corte e in questo tempo, Robert Culver, che si rivestiva la maglia bianconera si troverà a fare concorrenza a Incantalo o Zanni, poiché e' un attaccante laterale!

Invece di spendere tempo e rischiare soldoni inutilmente, la Juventus ben farebbe a rinforzarsi con un paio di elementi giovani e provati (tipo Drimocky e Lloyd) disposti a giocare nelle riserve e a stare in panchina fino a che non si presenterà l'occasione di entrare in campo. L'arrivo di un "fuoriclasse" in una squadra che sta andando molto bene, a metà campionato, potrebbe causare uno sbilenco ed una perdita di intesa e morale, proprio come successe anni fa con l'arrivo del "cannone" Ristovski che causò disaccordo e animosità nella squadra.

Comunque il girone d'andata della Juventus e' da considerare molto positivo sia per i risultati acquisiti che per il tipo di gioco sviluppato. Ovvio che Margaritis ha avuto una enorme influenza positiva sui

giocatori riconfermati dall'anno scorso (tutti hanno reso molto di più quest'anno) ed è stato ripagato ampiamente dalla fiducia data ai nuovi acquisti Rogers, Lloyd e specialmente Drimocky.

La sconfitta per mano del Polonia e' un regalo che la difesa bianconera sicuramente non ripeterà più, mentre abbiamo già detto di quella contro il Box Hill. Di contro i bianconeri hanno colto due vittorie decisive contro Croazia e Green Gully, le due più formidabili avversarie per il titolo statale. Se riusciranno a ripetere l'impresa anche nel girone di ritorno il glorioso club italiano potrebbe nuovamente fregiarsi del titolo statale dopo tredici anni dall'ultimo trionfo.

Sabato scorso, control il vittorioso Albion e' stato campione assegnato da un parco a pescare, la Juventus ha vinto al piccolo trotto. Un aspetto molto negativo della schieramento che Margaritis ha dovuto adottare per i limiti della rosa titolare e' stato lo schieramento di Lloyd al centro dell'attacco. Lloyd e' un ottimo centrocampista naturale, con un ottimo controllo di palla, buona visione di gioco e, più di ogni altra cosa, con le sue "qualità" di mastino e mordace.

Isolato in avanti, ha giocato a spruzzi per meno della metà dell'incontro invece di lavorare a centrocampo per tutti i novantaminiuti. Egli pur benissimo fare delle puntate a rete da centrocampo, ma non è un "goaleader" di prima linea perché non possiede prontezza di tiro.

Comunque con il recupero di Zanni ed il ritorno di Incantalo, e con French che sembra molto migliorato, anche i problemi dell'attacco dovrebbero essersi risolti senza il pericoloso innesco di un "fuoriclasse".

La difesa e' la più solida del campionato e il centrocampo, con Lloyd, è una ottima difesa avanzata e un propulsore dell'attacco. Con un paio di buoni rincalzi per la panchina in caso di infortuni e squallide, la Juventus dovrebbe fare ancora meglio nel girone di ritorno e conquistare lo scudetto se il Croazia subira' qualche pur

avvenuto vinto il campionato di prima divisione avevano cominciato alla garibaldina con eccezionali prestazioni contro Morwell e Juventus. Purtroppo tifosi è comitato non hanno saputo resistere alla tentazione di straricarsi e ben presto sono andati a subire altri infortuni, il club ha cominciato a rinforzarsi con elementi di grande esperienza e di classe indubbia che però non potevano avere l'affidamento e lo spirito garibaldino della squadra che aveva iniziato così bene il campionato. A riconosciuti vittorie contro Sunshine e Ringwood facevano riscontro umiliati sconfitte dal Green Gully e dal Croatia e l'ultima delusione è arrivata domenica controllo un modesto Northcote. La sosta di due settimane darà a Cirkovic il tempo di rivedere i suoi quadri e di immettere Tiziano Cavallari e' indubbiamente un giocatore di gran classe e, se riuscirà a scendere al livello del calcio locale, potrebbe essere il regista del centrocampo di cui la squadra ha tanto bisogno. Cirkovic dovrà anche cercare di ottenere molto di più da ex nazionali come Palinkas e Borikas e vedere di impostare meglio la sua difesa che ultimamente ha lasciato molto a desiderare. Intanto è tornato dall'Inghilterra il giovane Scampoli che potrebbe rivelarsi nuovamente un passo nella manica, come sostituto verso gli ultimi 20-30 minuti delle partite con la sua stocata risolutrice.

Una cosa è certa, l'orgoglio e l'affidamento del club sono tali che la squadra sicuramente raffigurerà le sue prestazioni nel girone di ritorno e concluderà il suo primo campionato con un piazzamento in classifica più che decoroso.

## BULLEEN AGGANCIA EAST BRUNSWICK

La lotta fra le due italiane della prima divisione della lega provinciale sta assumendo toni drammatici. Grazie alla vittoria nell'incontro diretto l'East Brunswick Abruzzo era riuscito a sorpassare il Bulleen nella scia del battistrada Yarraville.

Sabato scorso però i ragazzi veneti sono riusciti a piegare il forte Hawkswood mentre l'East Brunswick non andava al di là del pareggio con l'altro forte avversario del Clifton Hill. Le due squadre italiane ora sono a pari punti in seconda posizione e potrebbero risolvere l'importante duello della promozione con l'incontro diretto nel girone di ritorno.

## Chinaglia's Nick Cook - an enigma

### Lazio is promoted

Rome's second soccer team, Lazio, won promotion to the First Division with A. C. Milan after securing a 2-2 draw against rival contenders Cavese.

It was the second piece of good news in two days for Lazio fans when City rival Roma captured the First Division title this season.

They feared the club's deep financial troubles would force the sale of striker Bruno Giordano, sought by clubs willing to pay billions of lire.

But former Lazio international Giorgio Chinaglia, long with New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League, agreed to take the club over, diminishing the prospect of a Giordano transfer.

Nick Cook (27) the enigmatic former Gully Ajax and Sunshine City player, has resigned with Tasmanian State League champion, Rapid-Wrest Point, after a virtual tour of Hobart clubs over the past few years. It is his second stint with the club for which he was leading scorer previously. Cook has also played for White Eagles, Olympia, Tasmania and South Hobart.

Cook (pictured) is a tragic figure in some ways, a player whom the public doesn't really understand. Off the field he is quiet and he speaks with intelligence about the game he loves. He belies his public image, the one that most fans see and which is characterised by a disciplinary record that is abysmal. When with Rapid previously, as well as being the top-scorer, he also held the record for a number of sendings off. He played one game for University, scored one goal and was sent off. During his stay with South Hobart last year, he scored once and was sent off twice.

And yet, there is nothing malicious about the man or his game. He's his own worst enemy and that explains his sendings off. "I find it difficult to control my frustrations about the way the game's going," he says. "Sometimes I'm volatile, but I like to be involved. If I'm not, I get bored and that's when I get into trouble."

A former schoolboy signing for Hull City, Cook has the ability to be the best player in the State but he rarely shows his full ability. There are only glimpses usually but when he's on song, he can be unstoppable. In a game against Juventus last year, he made a 50-metre run, past four opponents on the way, before hitting the post with a sizzling drive.

Why doesn't he always play like that? "It depends on my attitude to the time," is the reply. "Sometimes I'm motivated and psych'd up. If I am, I perform."

Cook says that Rapid is the best club he's been with in Tasmania. A statement like that could mean that he's motivated at last. If he is, then the stormy petrel of Tasmanian soccer may finally show his real ability week in and week out. Rapid's fans can only sit back and wait with bated breath.

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